

short for some form of service to his fellows,  
for some form  
of the kind of life which is alone worth living."

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*To Mr. W. 'A. White, Editor, The Gazette,  
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Kansas:*

". . . It is to be expected as a matter of  
course that the  
corporation judge, the corporation senator  
and ex-senator,  
the big corporation attorney, the newspaper  
owned in or  
controlled from Wall Street will attack me. I  
should be very  
foolish if I expected anything else; I should be  
still more  
foolish if I were greatly disturbed over the  
attacks, If  
there is much depression, if we meet hard  
times, then a  
great number of honest and well-meaning  
people will gradu-  
ally come to believe in the truth of these  
attacks, and I shall  
probably end my term of service as President  
under a mote  
or less dark cloud of obloquy. If so, I shall be  
sorry, of  
course; but I shall neither regret what I have  
done nor alter  
my line of conduct in the least degree, nor yet  
be unduly cast  
down.

"As far as I am personally concerned, I am  
well ahead  
of the game, whatever happens, I have had an  
exceedingly  
good time; I have been exceedingly well  
treated by the  
American people; and I have enjoyed the  
respect of those  
for whose respect I care most. If for a moment  
I have to go  
under a cloud, why, it is all in the game. I am  
as sure as  
man can be of anything that I have been  
following the  
course which the best interests of this

country demand;  
and under such circumstances, if I had  
known that the  
obloquy were to be permanent I should still not  
have altered  
this course. But I do not believe that it will be  
permanent,  
because I do not believe that there can be a  
permanent de-  
viation from the lines of policy along which I  
have worked  
—that is, if the Republic is to endure at all.  
If there is  
such permanent deviation I shall esteem the  
calamity so  
great that any thought of my own reputation,  
in, the matter  
will be entirely swallowed up."